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SUBJ: VISIT OF PROJECT COORDINATOR OF "THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE"

1. I HAD THE VISIT TODAY OF MR. AMERICO D. CIUFFARDI,
PROJECT COORDINATOR OF "THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE", AN UNOFFICIAL
EXCHANGE VISIT PROJECT STARTED BY PRESIDENT CARTER WHEN HE
WAS GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA. MR. CIUFFARDI EXPLAINED THAT HE
WAS VISITING BARBADOS AND WOULD BE VISITING A NUMBER OF
OTHER CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTTRIES TO MAKE
PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE VISITS UNDER THE AEGIS
OF HIS ORGANIZATION. IN PARTICULAR, HE SAID, HE WAS
INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH CIVIC-MINDED LOCAL
CITIZENS WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO SERVE AS COORDINATORS IN
THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

2. AT MR. CIUFFARDI'S REQUEST, THIS MESSAGE IS BEING SENT TO EMBASSIES BOGOTA AND QUITO BECAUSE, HE EXPLAINED, COLOMBIA AND ECUADOR WERE THE TWO COUNTRIES WHERE NO SPADE WORK HAD YET BEEN DONE. HE ASKED THAT WE INFORM YOU OF HIS TRAVEL PLANS (HE EXPECTS TO BE IN QUITO FROM JUNE 4 TO JUNE 5 UNCLASSIFIED

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AND IN BOGOTA FROM JUNE 5 TO JUNE 6) AND THAT YOU BE PREPARED TO SUGGEST APPROPRIATE LOCAL CONTACTS. HE ALSO ASKED THAT EMBASSY QUITO RESERVE A SINGLE ROOM WITH BATH IN A MEDIUM-PRICED HOTEL FOR HIM. SIMMS

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